

REMARKS

Consideration and entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312, corrects for error inadvertently introduced in the Corrected Amendment filed November 15, 2005. The present Amendment is, in effect, a “housekeeping” Amendment for correcting such inadvertent error and for properly completing USPTO records for this application. The inadvertent error and correction thereof is discussed further below. No new matter has been entered. No issue has been raised that would require further search and/or consideration. All issues herein have been previously considered by the Examiner. As such, consideration of this Amendment would not involve materially added work on the part of the USPTO.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 be considered, approved, and entered.

The subject inadvertent error arose without deceptive intent and was uncovered by Applicant’s counsel upon review of Applicant’s counsel’s file records in response to Applicant’s receipt of the January 25, 2006 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and accompanied papers. The inadvertent error is that the November 15, 2005 Corrected Amendment incorrectly presented the claims in view of the text of the original claims and not the text of the claims previous presented and amended in the Amendment filed April 25, 2005.

To aid the Examiner in considering the present “housekeeping” Amendment, the previously pending claims have been canceled in their entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer, in favor of new Claims 23-42. New Claims 23-42 include the text of the claims previously presented in the April 24, 2005 Amendment with the exception that

new Claims 23-42 also incorporate language consistent with the amendments presented in the November 15, 2005 Corrected Amendment that was filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, which lead to the mailing of the January 25, 2006 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and accompanied papers.

To further aid the Examiner, each of the new Claims 23-42 are identified below and paired with their respective claim number as presented in either the (1) April 24, 2005 Amendment placed between parentheses or (2) November 25, 2005 Corrected Amendment placed between brackets. The new claims and the previously submitted corresponding claims are as follows: 23(1), 24(3), 25(4), 26(5), 27[20], 28(6), 29(7), 30(9), 31(12), 32(11), 33(13), 34(20), 35(14) 36(15), 37(16), 38(17), 39(18), 40(19), 41[21], and 42[22]. No new claim corresponds to previously canceled Claims 2, 8, and 10.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, approval and entry of the present “housekeeping” Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.312 is respectfully requested. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of new Claim 23-42, which subject matter corresponds to previously presented and considered claims identified above, continues to be allowable.

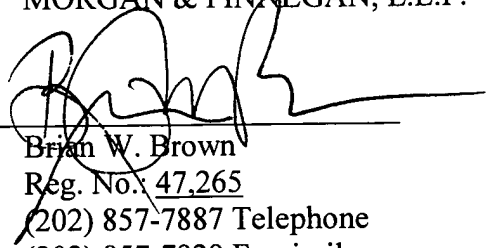
AUTHORIZATIONS

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4818.

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